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STREET PAVING.

Preliminary Steps Taken by City Council.

Engineer Employed to Make Survey and Maps of Louisa for Sewer and Paving Purposes.

Pursuant to the call of the chairman the city council of Louisa met on Tuesday night last for the transaction of general business. It had been rumored that the matter of street paving would be considered, and this was sufficient to attract a large crowd of citizens and taxpayers. All the members of the board were present except Councilman Wilson. The only subject discussed was that of paving, and this received much attention. There was no doubt of the need of paved streets in Louisa expressed, but as to ways and means some difference of opinion was manifested. All things must have a beginning, and in order to start this desirable work a committee was appointed to employ a competent engineer to make a survey of the streets, establish a grade and prepare plans and specifications for the proposed improvement. The committee named are C. L. Miller, R. L. Vinson and H. G. Wellman, and on Wednesday afternoon they met with Mr. John McDieter, of Ashland, a man in every way competent. They went all over the city, examining streets, and finally concluded that Mr. McDieter and as many of the members of the council as possible would meet in Catlettsburg and go to Huntington and Ashland and study the paving of those cities. This will be done at once. Mr. McDieter will be employed to make the survey of Louisa, as mentioned, and on such terms as may be agreed upon hereafter.

The proposed area of paving is bounded on the east by Water street, on the north by Perry, on the west by Lady Washington and on the south by Franklin. It is proposed to pave Main Cross to the college building, Jefferson to D. J. Burdett's and Lady Washington to H. E. Ferguson's.

The sewerage proposition is quite a large factor in this matter, and a report from the engineer will be necessary to show the requirements and cost.

The water company proposes to lay new water mains on each side of the paving, so that it will not be necessary to disturb the paving for repairs and service lines.

The paving will probably be laid from 20 to 25 feet wide.

Drowned Near Hellier.

The 6-years-old daughter of Alex Phipps at the Edgewater mines near Hellier, was drowned last Wednesday morning at 4 o'clock. When the family awakened their home was floating in the water. Mrs. Phipps reached safety with two of the children through the back entrance, but Mr. Phipps was carrying the little girl through the front entrance, when the front porch separated from the house. He fell into the water losing his hold upon the child and she washed away. Her body was found one mile below the home.

APPROPRIATION FOR ROAD.

At the late term of the Lawrence Circuit Court an appropriation of \$500 was made for the improvement of the county road between Louisa and the forks of Little Blaine, the work to begin at once. To this sum the various oil companies doing business in that section have agreed to contribute \$250 more. Properly expended this sum should be made to do much for the improvement which is so badly needed.

B-A, BA, K-ER, KER, BAKER.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian Church will give a spelling bee at the College building Friday evening, April 12, at 7 o'clock. Your attendance is courteously requested. Admission, 10 cents.

John W. Hall Married.

The marriage of Miss Lilla Jane Phelps and Mr. John W. Hall, both of this city, took place in Winchester Saturday evening at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. Mr. MacNeill, pastor of the First Christian Church of that city.

The bride and bridegroom wishing to have the celebration of their nuptials in the most simple way stole quietly over to Winchester, "via the motor route," as a friend suggests. They were accompanied in the motor car by the bride's sister, Miss Elizabeth Phelps, and at Winchester were joined by Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Parks, friends of the bridegroom.

The bride was pretty in a handsome tailored suit of blue cloth and carried a beautiful bouquet of lilies of the valley and white roses. After the marriage ceremony the bridal party returned to this city and will go immediately to house-keeping in a cozy and attractive home at 638 Euclid avenue.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Edward Phelps, of Aylesford Place. She is very popular and accomplished, and has until lately held a responsible position at the Experiment Station, State University.

Mr. Hall is a native of Winchester and made the acquaintance of Miss Phelps while she was secretary to a law firm in Winchester. He is now general bookkeeper for the Burley Society, having come to Lexington at the time the Burley Society moved their office here.—Lexington Leader.

The Louisa friends of "Red" Hall will be glad to hear of his good fortune. He was a resident of this city for some time, holding a position in the U. S. engineer office.

Jurors For Wayne May Court.

These are the jurors selected from Butler township to serve at the May term of the Wayne Circuit Court:

Petit jury:—Jno. P. Billups, O. M. Billups, Bert Thacker, Lindsey Thompson, J. B. Bragg, Wayne Copley, Robert Rayburn, John Lynch, Jesse McKinster.

Grand jury:—Cosie Handley, Anderson Christian, F. W. Thompson and Anthony Pymale.

LOSES A LEG.

Robert Thompson Seriously Hurt By Falling Tree.

A very serious and distressing accident occurred near the home of former County Judge John H. Thompson, of Horseford, on Thursday morning last, whereby his son, Robert, aged about 22 years, sustained the loss of his right leg.

The young man had gone to the hillside two or three hundred yards from the house for the purpose of cutting down a tree. He had not proceeded far with the work until the tree, a hollow one, fell, and before Mr. Thompson could get out of its way it caught his leg and pinned him to the ground, crushing and lacerating the member in a horrible manner. Such was the condition of the fallen tree and the young man's limb that the trunk of the tree had to be sawed in two before he could be extricated.

Surgical aid was hastily summoned, and Drs. Carter, of Fallburg, and Burgess, of Louisa, met at the house, Dr. Bromley arriving later. It was decided that amputation was necessary, and the leg was taken off about half way between the knee and hip by Dr. Burgess, Drs. Bromley and Carter assisting. Mr. Thompson bore the operation well and is reported doing very nicely.

Mr. Thompson is an excellent young man, and this unfortunate accident, which crippled him for life, is greatly deplored by his many friends.

DAMAGE ON SHELBY.

Now that the high waters have receded, it is estimated that 25,000 yards of grade on the new Shelby creek road has been washed out by the floods in the different places along the route. The Sandy Telephone Company has also sustained about \$1,000 damage to their various lines.

LAWRENCE FOR TEDDY.

Roosevelt Followers Turn Out In Full Force.

The Lawrence county clans of Roosevelt and Taft gathered in the court house in Louisa on Saturday afternoon last to try conclusions in a battle for delegates and instructions, who should be sent and for whom they should vote. It was a beautiful day, and a large number of our Republican friends had come to assist in making the Chicago nominee. A large number of Democrats were also present when Chairman Burgess rapped for order and called his brethren of the Big Stick and the Steam Roller to sit up and take notice of what was about to follow. C. L. Miller was made Chairman and Jay Roberts Secretary of the meeting. A committee of eleven was appointed to draft resolutions. The committee retired to look over the resolutions which were born several hours—possibly days—before the convention met. Up to this time everything proceeded with a smoothness and sweetness that was almost cherubic. The heavenly calm continued until the committee returned from the incubator, and Mr. W. T. Cain displayed, verbally, one of the products of the hatch. Stripped of its feathers it revealed a resolution that Judge O'Rear, of Montgomery, and Mr. Combes, of Fayette ought to be delegates from the State at large to the Republican National Convention, and that the county's instruction should be for Roosevelt.

Mr. Cain had a pretty good speech embodied in his report. He moved the adoption of the report, and this was the thunderbolt which soured all the cream in the churn. "Mr. Chairman," shouted Mr. R. C. McClure, as he sprang to his feet, "Mr. Chairman, your committee has a minority report to read," and he was about to read it when some man with a Roosevelt badge said something about a point of order—that Mr. McClure had no right to read anything not even his title clear, at this juncture, but it didn't take long to convince Chairman Miller that the late minority leader of the House—minority leader again, you see—had a perfect right to read his report, and he read it. Say boys, that report was a June sweeter. It didn't say much about the price of potatoes, bad roads or the probability of its raining on Easter but what it said about Taft and the greatness of that rotund and hefty statesman was both oral and ornate.

Bled down, it declared for John Russell, of Ashland, and Judge Halbert, of Lewis county, for district delegates and "Dear Will"—this is what Teddy used to call the President—for another term. When Mr. McClure had finished he was finished, for the vote was taken on the majority report and the victory of the Big Stick over the Roller was so decided and convincing that the Taft forces gave it up. In announcing his defeat Mr. McClure pronounced a fitting eulogy over the "remains," admitting present death but predicting a glorious resurrection on the idea of next November.

The friends of Mr. Joe Sweetnam perceived signs of a verbal eruption on his person, so they kindly gave him the call, and Joe went at the Taftites, hammer and tongs. They, meaning the Rooseveltians, weren't office-holders, Joe said, but they, like him, were members of the "one-gallussed" party whatever that may mean. This was the refrain of Joe's speech Saturday, but it would be a safe bet to say that a slight search would have revealed the fact that if he wore any gallusses at all on that occasion he wore two. Anyhow what he said was well received.

The following were appointed delegates and alternates:

Jas. Norton, Bill Burton, C. L. Miller, H. E. Evans, Joe Bussey, Jr., Mont. Holt, W. S. Chapman, J. S. Fudd, Gus Muncy, W. J. Roberts, Wm. Savage, J. W. See, J. T. Sweetnam, L. F. Wellman, W. T. Cain, Garfield Moore, T. B. Billups, Warren Castle, S. J. Picklesimer, R. C. McClure, Dock Jordan.

Alternates:—Dr. J. J. Gambill, Dr. W. A. Rice, Sine Collinsworth, Charley Miller, Dr. Jay Carter, Tom Heston, Dr. C. C. Wheeler, Jas. Johns, Charley Roberts, H. B. Mun-

cey, Jas. Hale, J. A. Abbott, Billie Riffe, H. B. Salter, C. L. Cain, Dr. Sam Frasher, Frank Hammond, A. C. Holbrook.

Of all these only R. C. McClure, L. T. McClure and Taylor Billups went as delegates to the district convention at Mayaville on the 9th and to the State convention at Louisville on the 10th.

Damage On Beaver.

Mr. James Compton, of this place, who had been on Beaver creek for more than a week, working on the boilers of the oil plants in operation there, returned to Louisa Tuesday afternoon. He brings news of much destruction of well machinery on Beaver and its tributaries by the storm of Monday night. Two tanks, one on Salt Lick one on Lick Fork, were washed away. One was about two-thirds full and the other one-half full of oil. These were about 17 miles from the mouth of Beaver. The tank houses were also destroyed. Several bull wheels belonging to the derricks were washed away, the derricks themselves being thrown out of position by tons of mud, sand and debris. Several gas and oil pipe lines were broken, and the creek and its forks were rendered impassable by the torrent which swept down the valley. Mr. Compton thinks it will be at least ten days before drilling operations can be resumed in that locality.

The Easter Storm.

It was no squall that brought sorrow to the hearts of many last Sunday, it was a storm. In the forenoon the rain fell in torrents for a while, and in the afternoon overcoats were comfortable. When the bells rang for service the bells came out with their bows covered with ugly raincoats, and the beaus appeared in low-necked shoes and with their pretty pants turned up in the latest sartorial style. They-the pants-looked just too sweet for anything. The depot reception committee was very angry because the mean old train was so late they just had to leave without seeing it go by. Too bad, but it could not be helped and going over to "see 16 run" was marred by the cold, high wind.

FORMER POSTMASTER

Confessed He Burned Office To Cover Theft of Miser's Money.

Huntington, W. Va., April 8.—One of the most baffling cases ever faced by Postoffice inspectors was definitely solved here today when Alex H. Trent, former Postmaster at Horse Pen, confessed in the Federal Court that he burned the postoffice to cover up the theft by himself of a registered letter containing \$2,900.

Trent got Harrison Hatfield, an old recluse of Mingo county, to withdraw his money from a bank during the panic of 1907, and had him order it sent to him by registered mail. On the night the money arrived the postoffice was burned. Trent was later arrested. Trent escaped and was recently located and brought back for trial.

Since the burning of the money Harrison Hatfield was tried and convicted of poisoning his wife and sent to the penitentiary. He died a few months ago.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

H. C. HERNDON DEAD.

Mr. H. C. Herndon, for many years a member of the Seventh district internal revenue force, died last Saturday morning at his home in Lexington, after an illness of three weeks. Mr. Herndon was severely injured by falling through an elevator shaft at Mayaville about two years ago, and since that time his health had not been good. Mr. Herndon was well known in Louisa and vicinity through his many official visits to this section. He is survived by his widow but no children.

HIGH PRICE FOR TIMBER.

It is said that timber has recently sold in Catlettsburg for 53½ cents, and in one case for 60 cents per cube.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Spring Term of Lawrence Court Convened Monday.

The spring term of the Lawrence Circuit Court began Monday, April 8th, Judge J. B. Hannah presiding, and John M. Waugh, Commonwealth's Attorney, in his place as the representative of the people. Court was opened about 10:30 a. m., and the first work of the term, the impaneling of the grand jury, was done. The following comprise the jury as formed: F. H. Yates, foreman; James Shannon, J. T. Shannon, Pharoah Marcum, C. L. Osborn, G. L. Burk, Dan Stansberry, N. W. Gibson, Jesse Barnett, J. K. Chadwick, Joe Compton, Jas. A. Abbott.

Then followed the charge by the judge. Judge Hannah is always clear, forcible and comprehensive, and his deliverance of Monday was no exception. It contained no new features. The formation of the grand jury occupied the time until noon. At one o'clock the regular petit jury for the present term was impaneled. The jurors are as follows: M. E. Sparks, Isaac Adams, Wm. Howell, R. B. Judd, P. F. Skaggs, Mat Elam, Dolly Kise, David Thompson, C. K. Dobbins, George Carter, John Elawick, Arthur Blankenship, Mont Nelson, Wm. Barnett, Thos. Murphy, John Akers, T. W. Hensley, Burwell Derfield, D. J. Thompson, T. M. Hammond, N. K. Whitton, Theodore Kinler, Jake Roberts.

Following the organization of the jury the call of the commonwealth's docket began and has continued up to this writing. "Continued" expresses it pretty well, for of the 265 cases on this docket the majority of them have this word written after them.

So far the court proceedings have been devoid of public or special interest. "Foreign" attorneys have been conspicuous by their absence, and what is more remarkable, the crowds which usually attend the first days of court have not been present. The streets have a Sabbath quiet, and except for a few idlers in the court house yard one would never suspect that "big court" formerly something looked for and prepared for weeks in advance of its listing, had really come and "set."

Easter Services.

Louisa churches paid due attention to the glad holiday of the Christian year. Music and services appropriate to the happy occasion were heard in the various temples of worship. At the M. E. Church South the pastor, the Rev. J. W. Crites, preached, and the Rev. W. L. Reid, a former pastor, filled the pulpit. At the M. E. Church Prof. E. M. Kennison gave an expository sermon-lecture on the lesson of the day. The pastor, Dr. Hanford, was sick, and there was no evening service. The Rev. Dr. Powell, of Louisville, preached in the forenoon at the Baptist church. He was much indisposed and was compelled to speak sitting. The pastor, Rev. Archibald Cree, preached at night. Rev. C. M. Summers, of the Christian Church, was absent from the city.

nsant for State Chairman.

of Col. Rufus H. Vansant, of Ashland, are at work to secure his election as chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee at the coming State convention. He is said to be backed by John C. Mayo, Gen. Percy Haly and Johnson N. Camden. Col Vansant was at the head of the successful campaign for the Democratic State ticket last fall and made many friends over the State. It is understood that Judge Frank Bullock, of Lexington will also seek the State chairmanship, and if these two lock horns it will be a battle royal. Both have strong supporters who will go their length for them.

The Prestonsburg people have been in a state of mind for a good while about having to take too much physical exercise to get to and from the depot at the mouth of Beaver. Accordingly they have lodged a complaint with the Railroad Commission, seeking relief.

Hurt While Rafting Logs.

While rafting logs near his home on Maynard branch last Friday Mr. Charles Peters sustained a very painful and serious accident. He was assisting in moving a heavy log, when in some way it caught his right leg, breaking it and lacerating the muscles. He was carried to his home and Dr. Bromley was summoned. He set the fracture and made the injured man as comfortable as possible. In a day or two it was seen that the open wound had become infected and it was deemed best to bring the patient to Riverview hospital for treatment. He was brought to the hospital on Tuesday afternoon and is doing as well as could be expected.

About fifteen years ago Mr. Peters fell or was thrown from a horse and suffered a fracture of the left leg.

Prison Paroles.

Frankfort, Ky., April 4.—Paroles were granted to-day by the Prison Commission to Judge C. E. Booe, of Flemingsburg, defaulting Assistant State Auditor, who peculated \$40,000 from the State Treasury in six years; Hiram Smedley, of Paducah, defaulting Circuit Clerk, who embezzled \$25,000 of the state's money; James H. Parrish, of Owensboro who was connected with the Owensboro Bank and Trust Company, which failed for \$250,000, and a long list of men convicted of murder.

A strong effort is being made by the friends of Curt Jett, Tom White and Henry Youtsey to get them paroles.

Another parole was that of Thomas McNeal, of Greenup county, murder, 10 years, 6 of which he had served.

Prizes For Colored Farmers.

A dispatch from Simpsonville, Ky., says: "Lincoln Institute again offers four cash prizes of \$50, \$25, \$15 and \$10 for the best measured acres of corn grown by colored Kentucky farmers on land owned by themselves. The offer last year was made so late that there were few entries and only two prizes were paid, to John Williams and Harry Lane, both near Mayaville. Their record was very fine. It is hoped that a large number will this year enter the contest. Those wishing to be enrolled should write to Lincoln Institute, Simpsonville, Ky., for directions." We hope some of our colored farmers will go after those prizes and get them.

A Fortune In Her Stocking.

Huntington, W. Va., April 8.—Nancy McKeand, 67 was found dead along the N. & W. tracks near Kenova. She had been at Ceredo to make some purchases and on her way back to her home sat down along the railroad tracks to rest. She was a very heavy woman and having become over heated, she suffered a stroke of apoplexy, dying instantly.

When an undertaker prepared the body of the woman for burial he found sewed up in her skirt and hidden in her stockings \$1,480.50 in money and negotiable securities. The finding of the money caused quite a sensation.

MARRIED IN LOUISA.

Miss Dixie Maynard and Mr. H. E. Keadle, of Williamson, came to Louisa on No. 15 last Sunday afternoon. A marriage license was procured, and at the residence of the officiating minister Rev. Dr. Hanford made them man and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Keadle were guests of the Savoy until No. 4 came along, when they returned to Williamson.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE.

Large crowds of people are attending the Sullivan Merchandise Company's sale. On the opening day the sidewalk in front of the store was blocked by people awaiting the opening of the doors.

DIED IN PIKEVILLE.

Mrs. Mary Ford, widow Harry Ford, died in Pikeville, Friday, aged 73 years. Her name was Damron and native of Morgan co.